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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 5054

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TAGS: PDIP, VN, VS, SW

SUBJECT: RVN NO LONGER INCLUDED IN SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC LIST

REF: STOCKHOLM 3837 AND PREVIOUS

1. TRAN NHA, HEAD OF RVN INFORMATION OFFICE IN STOCKHOLM, CALLED POLITICAL COUNSELOR NOVEMBER 11 TO REPORT THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY RVN EMBASSY IN BONN (WHICH IS THEORETICALLY ACCREDITED TO SWEDEN) THAT IT HAD RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE SWEDISH EMBASSY IN THAT CITY ADVISING IT THAT IN THE NEXT DIPLOMATIC CORPS LIST PUBLISHED IN STOCKHOLM, THE NAMES OF THE RVN MISSION WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED. TRAN NHA ADDED THAT RVN WAS PUZZLED BY MOVE AND UNCERTAIN WHETHER IT MEANT A BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN STOCKHOLM AND SAIGON.

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2. POL COUNSELOR CALLED MFA OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR VIETNAM (LUNDVIK) TO INQUIRE RE MEANING OF SWEDISH MOVE. LUNDVIK CONFIRMED THAT GOS HAD DECIDED TO REMOVE NAMES OF RVN EMBASSY STAFF IN BONN FROM NEXT DIPLOMATIC LIST. (THE CURRENT RVN AMBASSADOR IN BONN, LIKE HIS PREDECESSOR, HAS NEVER PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO GOS, AND THUS HIS NAME HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN DIPLOMATIC LIST.) ASKED WHAT THE SWEDISH STEP SIGNIFIED, LUNDVIK REPLIED THAT THE MOVE SIMPLY FORMALIZED WHAT HAS IN FACT BEEN THE CASE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, I.E. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SWEDISH AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN "NON-EXISTENT." WHEN POL COUNSELOR QUESTIONED IF THE NAMES OF SWEDISH DIPLOMATS, RESIDENT IN BANGKOK, WHO HAVE BEEN ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST IN SAIGON WOULD ALSO BE REMOVED, LUNDVIK REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. (SINCE 1966 SWEDISH AMBASSADORS IN BANGKOK HAVE NOT PRESENTED THEIR CREDENTIALS TO THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH TWO MEMBERS OF THE SWEDISH EMBASSY STAFF IN BANGKOK HAVE BEEN CARRIED ON SAIGON DIPLOMATIC LIST.)

3. POLITICAL COUNSELOR ASKED IF PRG REPRESENTATIVES IN STOCKHOLM WOULD NOW BE ADDED TO STOCKHOLM DIPLOMATIC LIST. LUNDVIK REPLIED EMPHATICALLY IN NEGATIVE, ADDING POINTEDLY THAT PRG "GENERAL DELEGATION" HAS NO RPT NO DIPLOMATIC STATUS IN SWEDEN.

4. COMMENT: GOS ACTION IN THIS CASE APPEARS TO BE CHARACTERISTICALLY SWEDISH GESTURE OF AVOIDING DIRECT CONFRONTATION WHICH MIGHT BE CAUSED BY AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN OUTRIGHT BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH RVN, WHILE IN EFFECT ACCOMPLISHING THE SAME GOAL BY QUIETLY ELIMINATING RVN NAMES FROM STOCKHOLM DIPLOMATIC LIST. JOHNSON

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